

CONFIDENTIALFLP
205

FORM 10

25X1A

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Austria

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Chief Editor Schueller's Comment on the Political Situation

EVALUATION [REDACTED]

25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

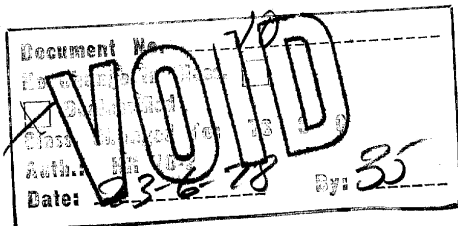
REMARKS

RETURN TO CIA
LIBRARY

SOURCE

1. In a conference with his editorial staff in late April 1950, Richard Schueller, editor-in-chief of the Communist Party newspaper Neue Zeit in Linz-Urfahr, stated that no political events of special importance could be expected in 1950. Although the Communist Party of Austria will carry on its fight as usual, there are no prospects of Austria becoming a people's democracy in the foreseeable future.
2. Schueller went on to mention that the state treaty presumably will not materialize. Previous plans of the Soviet Government to withdraw its troops from Austria were **reviewed** at a conference in Moscow on the occasion of Stalin's 70th birthday anniversary. Leading Austrian Communist Party functionaries participating in the conference included Koplenig, Fuernberg and Hexman. During the course of the conference Fuernberg declared that the Communist Party of Austria would probably be banned within three months after the withdrawal of Soviet troops and that Austria would then be integrated into the US or Fascist camp of nations and turned into a spring-board against the people's democracies.

This document is hereby regraded to
CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the
letter of 16 October 1978 from the
Director of Central Intelligence to the
Archivist of the United States.
Next Review Date: 2008

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~**CONFIDENTIAL**